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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE PREPARATION OF A PAPER REEL FOR  
FLYING REEL CHANGE

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- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference 4 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. The references 1-5 were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.

- ☒ 4. The present application was filed or entered the U.S. National Stage of the PCT after June 30, 2003. In accordance with the June 11, 2003, Notice waiving the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.
- ☒ 5. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language references 3 and 4 appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

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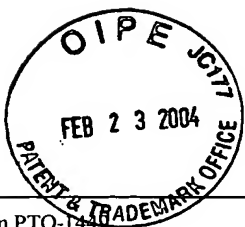
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